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LORD'S REIGN ENDS

Provost Blair Lord reflects on his time at Eastern and details his retirement plans.

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Rain has once again delays Ohio Valley Conference play for two weeks. The series resumes Friday in Morehead, Kentucky at Allen Field at 4 p.m.

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Approximately 20 volunteers pack, organize and distribute canned foods to create a mobile food pantry at the Toledo Christian Church. The location of the mobile food pantries are chosen by the Eastern Illinois Food bank. The Civic Engagement and Volunteerism staff and volunteers take a break for a group photo Saturday, Aug. 27.

People of the year embody service

By Kalyn Hayslett
Editor-in-Chief | @DEN_News

Using students' interests and the community's needs to create programming that helps build and unite Eastern's campus with local communities, directors for the civic engagement and volunteerism office Crystal Brown and Beth Gillespie, as well as associate professor of sociology Michael Gillespie, earn the People of the Year award.

The staff of The Daily Eastern News chose them for this award for creating a variety of volunteer possi-

bilities and using those opportunities to educate students on the importance of helping others in need.

Beth Gillespie became the director of the volunteerism office last year, and Crystal Brown has worked as the assistant director for four years.

Crystal Brown said even with the minimal time working together, they immediately forged a strong working dynamic.

"We are a true team; we have each other's back. We've got incredible respect for each other. Although we have a lot of overlapping skills, we each bring different pieces to the ta-

ble, so it makes us a really strong team," Beth Gillespie said.

Courtney Jones, graduate assistant for the civic engagement and volunteerism office, said that the directors bring out the best in each other, ensuring well-thought-out and creative volunteer service activities.

"They have a really great working dynamic. Since I've been there for two years now, I have definitely seen a growth in the department as far as teamwork and what a community partnership looks like," she said. "I have seen both Beth and Crystal fulfill what different community part-

ners want to do in the community."

Jones said that work as a unit because they pull on each other's strengths while being united by a common mission — to inspire.

"Crystal and Beth are so inspirational. They inspire us to continue. They motivate us and they want what is best for us," Jones said.

Crystal Brown and Beth Gillespie oversee a staff of two graduate assistants and five undergraduate assistants.

Beth Gillespie said that the motto of the office is to empower everyone that comes in. **People, page 5**

Philosophy, administration set compromise

By Cassie Buchman
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The university administration has withdrawn its recommendation for the elimination of the philosophy major to the board of trustees, Eastern President David Glassman said in an email to the *News* Thursday morning.

The program was originally scheduled to be considered for deletion at the board's Friday meeting.

The fate of Africana Studies, career and technical education, and adult and community education is still scheduled to be voted on.

The decision to rescind the elimination recommendation for the time being comes as a result of an agreement made between the administration and philosophy departments.

Glassman said this will allow phi-

losophy faculty the opportunity to retain and "attempt to vitalize" their major in the next couple of years.

The agreement is for philosophy to reduce their faculty through attrition from seven full-time faculty members to four and get at least 20 philosophy majors in the program by 2020.

Failure to meet either of these conditions means the administration will bring back the elimination recommendation in front of the board of trustees, Glassman said.

"I am very pleased that this agreement could be made through collaborative discussions between the administration and the dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, the chair of the Philosophy Department and the philosophy faculty," he said. "This is a positive example of shared governance and the impact

that faculty committee review such as that by the Academic Program Elimination/Reorganization Review Committee can have in the decision-making process."

Shared governance bodies, such as the Academic Program Elimination/Reorganization Review Committee, the Faculty Senate and the Council on Academic Affairs all suggested philosophy retention after reviewing the program this semester.

Jonelle DePetro, chair of the philosophy department, said another part of the agreement was the understanding that teaching has to be a priority and that their workload would increase.

"It's all things that follow from the idea that we're losing faculty and that we need to bring in more majors," she said.

The philosophy program already

has three faculty departures planned, with one professor taking a job in another state and two planning to retire by 2019.

Throughout the vitalization process, DePetro said, the philosophy department came up with ideas such as an ethics certificate to help "vitalize" themselves.

However, because they did not know what would happen to the philosophy program, all of those ideas were put on hold for the time being.

Now, without this uncertainty, DePetro said the department can implement some of the ideas it had several months ago.

"What's exciting now is that we get to move forward," DePetro said.

The philosophy major currently has 10 students enrolled, or 11 if counting one student who is part of the National Student Exchange. **Philosophy, page 5**

Students, faculty unite for Teach Out

By Kalyn Hayslett
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About 100 people from Eastern went to Springfield Thursday to protest the state's lack of higher education funding.

During the Teach Out, as the event was called, there were teaching sessions on topics such as the impact of Monetary Award Program grant cuts to students, the importance of higher education and what people can do to help.

"I want to see Governor Rauner pass a budget and fund MAP grants," William Harrison, a sophomore sociology major, who participated in the Teach Out and rally, said in the press release.

According to the press release, participants included students, faculty and staff members from public universities and community colleges across the state. Joining them were community members and civic organization allies.

The 750 total people who participated were split up in groups of 10.

Jon Blitz, president of the EIU-UPI, said the environment was energized, chaotic and somewhat angry.

"There were so many discussions happening at the same time," he said.

Jo Stauder, a senior sociology major, volunteered to be one of the teachers at the Teach Out held at the Capitol Rotunda, according to the press release.

"I came today to share my experience of how Rauner's actions are diminishing my experience as a student," Stauder said.

Associate professor of sociology Gene Deerman said in the press release that funding higher education is critical.

"Education can create equality in society," she said.

Blitz said he hopes the Teach Out garners attention for the universities in Illinois.

"It's a step for us to get involved," he said. "This and other things will get the needle moving sooner rather than later to provide funding for schools who really need it."

"Keeping quiet is not something we can afford to do," Blitz said.


Following the Teach Out in the Rotunda, participants gathered outside to hear speakers talk about the urgent need for a budget and to prioritize investing in the state's future.

"We are appreciative of the number of students that came and I believe they felt it was worthwhile," Blitz said. "We are happy they came."

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CAA approves four new majors

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The Council on Academic Affairs voted unanimously in favor of four new majors and 19 new courses Thursday.

The board approved the addition of construction management and engineering technology majors. It also approved exercise science and sport management as new majors to replace kinesiology and sports studies concentrations of the same names.

The council also approved 10 new courses for engineering technology, seven new courses for construction management, two new psychology courses, along with revisions to two engineering technol-

ogy courses and two construction management courses.

Mark Kattenbraker, the interim chair for the department of kinesiology and sports studies, said making sport management and exercise science their own majors would make them more visible to prospective students than they are currently as concentrations.

"It's kind of been somewhat of a long-standing desire of our department to have these two concentrations separated out into their own majors," Kattenbraker said. "If you would ask a student who is in the exercise science concentration what their major is, guess what they'll tell you. They'll tell you it's exercise science."

The new engineering technology ma-

yor will include courses on application, cost analysis and safety. Two classes – "Computers for Engineering Technology" and "Electricity and Electronic Controls" – will be moved from the applied engineering and technology department to engineering technology.

A third applied engineering and technology course – "Construction Project Management Capstone" – will be moved to the new construction management department.

John Cabage, Jr., an assistant technology professor and the adviser for the Construction Club, said he wants his students to be trained more intensively. The new construction management program will

teach students about planning, management, virtual design and safety.

"I'm really confident that this will be a good program," Cabage said. "Hopefully it will be a credit to Eastern going forward."

Stacey Ruholl, the committee chair, said she agrees with Cabage's hopes.

"I actually think (the new programs and courses) are quite wonderful," Ruholl said. "Any time we have the opportunity to stay relevant and attract new students, it's a good opportunity."

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United settles with passenger

CHICAGO (AP) — The passenger who was dragged off a flight after refusing to give up his seat settled with United for an undisclosed sum Thursday in an apparent attempt by the airline to put the fiasco behind it as quickly as possible.

David Dao's legal team said the agreement includes a provision that the amount will remain confidential. One his lawyers praised United CEO Oscar Munoz.

Munoz "said he was going to do the right thing, and he has," attorney Thom-

as Demetrio said in a brief statement . "In addition, United has taken full responsibility for what happened ... without attempting to blame others, including the city of Chicago."

The settlement came less than three weeks after the episode and before Dao had even sued. The deal means United will not face a lawsuit, which could have been costly, both in legal bills and in further damage to the airline's reputation.

United issued a brief statement, saying it was pleased to report "an amicable resolution of the unfortunate inci-

dent that occurred aboard Flight 3411."

The dragging was one of several recent embarrassments for United.

The airline was criticized in March after a gate agent stopped two teenage girls from boarding a flight because they were wearing leggings — an apparent violation of a dress code for passengers traveling in a program for employees and their dependents. Then a giant showcase rabbit died this week after it was shipped across the Atlantic on a United flight from London's Heathrow Airport to O'Hare.

Congress looks to pass short-term budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is doing the bare minimum to keep the country running, readying a short-term spending bill to keep the lights on in government past Saturday, when President Donald Trump will mark his 100th day in office.

The short-term legislation will carry through next week, giving lawmakers more time to complete negotiations on a \$1 trillion government-wide spending bill for the remainder of the 2017 budget year. The government is currently operating under spending legislation that expires Friday at midnight, so action is required before then.

In addition to the failure to come up with a spending deal that could pass ahead of Trump's 100-day mark, the House GOP looked unlikely to give Trump a victory on health care before then. A revised health care bill has won the support of the hard-right House Freedom Caucus, holdouts on an earlier version that collapsed last month, but GOP leaders were struggling to round up votes from moderate-leaning Republicans.

Pentagon joins Flynn investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Investigations intensified into President Donald Trump's ousted national security adviser, Michael Flynn, on Thursday as the Pentagon watchdog joined lawmakers in probing payments he accepted from foreign sources including a Russian state-sponsored TV network.

At the same time, documents released by the top Democrat on a House oversight committee showed Flynn was warned by authorities after he retired from the military

in 2014 not to take foreign government-sourced money without "advance approval" from the Pentagon.


Flynn, a former Army lieutenant general and Defense Intelligence Agency chief, later accepted tens of thousands of dollars for his work on behalf of foreign interests, including RT, the state-supported Russian television network, and a Turkish-owned company linked to Turkey's government.


The Pentagon's acting inspector


general's office confirmed Thursday he has launched an inquiry into whether those payments qualify as coming from foreign governments and whether Flynn properly informed military authorities about them.

The White House defended its hiring of Flynn and attempted to shift blame for any problems with his vetting onto the Obama administration, which handled the reissuance of his security clearance in January 2016.

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Lord looks back, plans for retirement

By **Chrissy Miller**
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After almost 16 years of service, Provost Blair Lord prepares for his retirement at the end of the Spring 2017 semester.

Lord said his favorite part of being provost was working with knowledgeable administrators to help provide Eastern's students with an excellent education.

"The value and blessing of having great colleagues with whom you can truly work as a team is invaluable," Lord said. "I have been blessed by having many such folks with whom I have had the pleasure to work in my years here at Eastern."

Lord said during his retirement, he plans to relax and participate in various volunteer activities. He said he would also like to get a part-time job doing something he enjoys. Lord said he will spend time engaging in his hobbies as well.

"I sail, ski, woodwork, upholster, garden and read, to name but a few (of my hobbies)," Lord said. "I hope to have more time for all of these and hope to discover new interests as well."

Reflecting on his time as provost, Lord



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Blair Lord, who announced that he will retire in the summer, answers questions during a Faculty Senate meeting Jan. 10 in Booth Library.

said he is proud to have seen developments in Eastern's graduate programs and a growth in enrollment in these programs in the last year.

"Eastern was an excellent institution

but it happened on my watch, so to speak."

Lord said he plans to remain in the community and continue living in the historical Lord House on Seventh Street, named after Eastern's first president, Livingston Lord.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed this job," Lord said. "The challenges of the last two years with the difficult fiscal situation have made them less fun than the previous 14 years."

Lord said his decision to stay in the community was influenced in part by his wife, Jeanne Lord, who is an associate dean of the Lumpkin College of Business of Applied Science. Lord said while he will continue to attend activities sponsored by Eastern, he feels his direct professional relationship with Eastern is nearing its end.

"As an academic leader, I think I have provided steady and thoughtful leadership to the institution," Lord said. "I also have sought to, both personally and in the demeanor of my unit, be seen as approachable and supportive of colleagues and students."

Lord said his advice for the new pro-

vost, Jay Gatrell, works as reminder for anyone new to a position.

"Look, listen, learn," Lord said. "There are many terrific colleagues here who can be enormously helpful in this."

Eastern President David Glassman said he appreciates Lord leading Eastern's academic affairs division to distinction and excellence through his many years of service.

"It has been a pleasure to work with Dr. Lord," Glassman said. "I have benefited from his knowledge and long experience."

Glassman said Lord has been a strong advocate for student success and curriculum development.

"Dr. Lord has been a strong collaborator on the Vitalization Project, which I am confident will have a very positive impact on our university's success," Glassman said. "He has supported the development of many new programs since I have been at EIU, and I am confident that they will help to increase our undergraduate and graduate enrollments."

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Dance, cheer teams to hold tryouts for next year

By **Rachel Benda**
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The Pink Panthers dance team and Eastern's cheer team will hold tryouts for the 2017-2018 school year on Saturday at McAfee Gym. The cheer tryouts will be from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and the Pink Panthers tryouts will be from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Pink Panthers coach Holly Lemier said she looks for three things in a potential dancer: cheer and dance abilities, a good attitude and a confident, athletic appearance.

She said she also looks for someone "who can be a positive student ambassador, who can enjoy athletic events and who loves to support

their Panthers," she said.

Athletes are expected to bring an updated physical and fill out three forms found on the Pink Panthers website.

Returning member and sophomore mathematics major RYANNE MARKS said she is excited to start dancing again and encourages everyone to come to tryouts.

Marks said her advice to any girls trying out is to smile and be positive. "The judges are looking for confidence. I always say, positive thoughts, positive things happen," she said.

The Pink Panthers practice three to four times a week for about two hours. They perform at all home

football games along with men's and women's basketball home games. The team also performs at First Night and Yell Like Hell. They have also participated in some community events such as the Special Olympics, Girls on the Run and the Charleston Holiday Parade.

Marks believes the Pink Panthers team is a great way to make friends and stay involved in Eastern and the community.

Lemier encourages anyone thinking of trying out to give it a chance and contact her at halemier@eiu.edu.

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Katherine Gallaher, right, and Starr Winburn, members of the Pink Panthers, perform during halftime of the women's basketball game Feb. 15 at Lantz Arena. Tryouts to be on the dance or cheer teams for the 2017-2018 school year will be held Saturday.

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Support is a necessity for any success

For my last column as a member of *The Daily Eastern News'* editorial staff, I want to first thank everyone of you that believed in me and allowed me to grow in more ways than I could have ever imagined.

Instead of listing everyone, all of you can include your name on the list. Whether you are a member of *The News*, a professor in a class I have taken, a classmate in those classes or someone I have come to know because of an assignment for *The News* or class, you played a part in my growth this past year.

One of my flaws is I always doubt myself and my abilities when it comes to taking chances or learning new things, even though I take the chance and learn something in whatever it is I do. Because of the amazing encouragement I have received this year, I now can look at my self-worth in a whole new way. I feel I can accomplish anything and rely on my peers to help push me to the end goal.

Relying on people to help me along is not exactly an easy thing to do. As a father, I put myself in the knowing role and I feel I should have the answers. I should be the one providing encouragement or answering questions, not the other way around as it has been since returning to college.

I know my ability to never fear asking questions is key to much of my success today. While many people will not always be willing to take the time to answer questions, those that will often become excited at the desire to learn and continue to offer help and guidance.

I quickly learned the importance of networking and gaining experience as another valuable tool in my advancement.

The most important thing you can do is surround yourself with people that share the same ambitions as you and are able to encourage you and not see your growth as a threat to their own success. Along with that comes knowing when to distance yourself from those that are not going to benefit your journey.

Another important lesson I have learned is the importance of taking the extra effort in my own time to learning and understanding why things are the way they are and what factors influenced the outcome. How does the old cliché go? "Nothing worth having comes easy." I tell myself that every day when I realize I still have plenty of work to do on my way to my own successful career.

I also have the benefit of a strong support system back home in Metamora to provide me the reassurance that everything I do daily is going to have great rewards. Watching my wife complete her own degree helped me to also want to take those same steps across the stage to be honored with a diploma.

No matter your journey, the path you take will be your own, and you should cherish every step of the way. Learn something every day, try something new every day and meet as many people as you can. Never fear opening yourself up to criticism or feedback. Even if it is people just wanting to encourage your demise, take something positive from the negativity and find a way to use it to benefit you.

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When You See a Sleeping Panther



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Staff Editorial

People of the Year inspire Eastern community

Choosing the Person of the Year is not something we at *The News* take lightly. There are many people who make numerous contributions to our campus community. *The Daily Eastern News* Person of the Year award, then, is typically given to those who have had a large impact on those around them.

Every year we do manage to choose someone out of our many choices. This year, we chose Beth and Michael Gillespie as People of the Year for their commitment to serving their community in various ways.

Beth, the interim director of the Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism, has only been here a year, yet has accomplished so much. It can be tough taking on a position with so much responsibility; however, Beth transitioned well. Under her supervision, Panther Service Day doubled the number of participants it had. This is an inspiring achievement. Partnering with community and campus organizations is part of what makes Gillespie an effective leader.

The News recently wrote about a summer program that will allow children to get a free lunch from June 5 through Aug. 10. Thanks to a partnership with the Salvation Army, meals will be available to children from Monday through Thursday at three locations around Charleston. This is only one

example of the kinds of programs that Beth, along with Crystal Brown, assistant director of the Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism and their group of committed volunteers, put on that make a real difference.

Like his wife, Michael Gillespie shows the same commitment to educating and assisting those who need help. In Michael's case, he has been engaged in helping to educate and assist those who struggle with food insecurity. He has done extensive research and studies on poverty in Coles County, raising awareness of a situation many students would be ignorant of otherwise.

Working with and interviewing Michael and Beth Gillespie and Crystal Brown, we have seen how passionate they are about their causes. This passion is what keeps them going and keeps them doing such a good job.

As photo editor Justin Brown said in today's article, he was able to witness this when taking pictures of a food pantry in Toledo.

According to Brown, Michael was "all over the place," making sure everyone was being taken care of. Beth was just as busy making sure students were enjoying themselves.

This husband-and-wife team, working together for mobile food drive and food pantries, show what

some hard work and passion can accomplish. As Eastern continues to face challenges out of its control and persevere through them, this is a message of inspiration and hope many need.

While Beth and Michael are great at raising awareness for different causes and putting people's needs in the spotlight, they still stay humble and do not tout their own achievements. The couple is always putting others' voices first and making sure they are heard.

We encourage all students to follow the Gillespies' lead to fight and work for their own causes to be a productive member of the community. With all the opportunities the Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism offers, there is no reason or excuse not to.

In a *News* article, Michael is quoted as saying, "If you are poor in our country, you have no power."

"You need someone to help advocate for you, and there is not a lot of people who are willing to do that," he said.

Luckily, Eastern has people like Beth and Michael and Crystal Brown who are willing to advocate for people who are in need or who need some help.

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Finding readership an unexpected, welcome turn

When I wrote my first article for this paper sometime last year about Nigeria's independence, I did not think I would come to write a weekly column. Sure, I wrote off and on, and for the past three weeks I have been missing in action. But for the most part, I have enjoyed writing this column and the reactions that have trailed it. Sometimes, I wrote to tell a story, or to pass a message across. Other times I wrote just for the fun of writing. Just to juggle words.

In reaction to my first column, a professor wrote in an email to me, "Mr. Abiodun, I just wanted to thank you for your thoughtful, well-written article in this morning's newspaper. It is so rare to see international issues covered in *The Daily Eastern News*... Your wistful sense of both home and hope comes through in every word. As a geography professor, I can only hope my students are reading this morning."

In reaction to another column: "Godot: Some things are not worth waiting for," my professor and thesis advisor wrote, jokingly, "I enjoyed your recent editorial about 'Waiting for Godot.' It left me wondering, will



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waiting for your thesis be like Waiting for Godot?" We both laughed about it.

But I also got the stick sometimes. When I wrote what I intended to be a satire about Donald Trump's chances at the presidency—a subject I should not have touched even with a 10-yard pole—a Mattoon resident who was obviously more informed than I was felt the need to reprimand me. He replied to my article the following day with a letter to the editor.

In the same vein, three weeks ago, in a piece aptly titled "Hair upkeep sometimes hobbled by cost," I made reference to my barber who works in Charleston and Mat-

toon. As I noted in that piece, I only meant to write on something trivial; just a bit of playing around, and not to offend. Somehow, my barber got to read the piece, and was quite upset about it. I did not realize until I sent him a text last week, requesting his service again. (Yes, he is that good.) But to my surprise, he responded with a photo-shot of a page of the article, and would say no more.

Luckily, last Friday I ran into this guy in a restaurant. Although he was still upset, I apologized for the way he felt upon reading my article and explained that I did not set out to disparage him or mess with his business. Well, after all was said, he was understanding, and we set up another appointment that day.

There have been several other reactions that have made writing this column exciting, and I would like to thank readers of this column for their comments and constructive criticism. So long!

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While DePetro said she does not necessarily agree with the importance of increasing the number of majors, because philosophy was a profitable program that was serving a lot of students to begin with, she said it was still achievable.

While the department has been

improving itself, she said, it is only recently that it has thought about recruitment in the way it does now.

“We were always welcoming to majors and encouraging people who had a talent for philosophy to pursue a degree or to double ma-

major,” she said. “But we didn’t feel pressured to have a certain number of majors.”

DePetro said it is now going to be more important for philosophy to recruit, but that is what the new ideas the program is going to implement is for.

The department is also going to market itself more than in the past, she added, though they do not have the resources to do a lot of it.

“We have to be creative about how we do that, how we get the word out to people, how we let

people know we exist,” she said. “We’re going to be working harder than ever to recruit majors and help see them through to graduation and achieving their goals.”

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“It’s to help everyone that comes to our office know they have the power to make a difference, whether it’s by giving five hours of their time or giving food or giving whatever change they have in a jar for Coin Wars,” Beth Gillespie said. “We do have the ability to make someone’s lives better.”

Jones said the directors encourage the staff while in turn the staff encourages the students.

“When students come into the office, before they get into what they are about to get into as far as volunteering, I give them a pep talk. (For example:) ‘You are about to impact lives today, and no matter if it’s big or small, you are going to make a difference,’” Jones said.

The volunteerism office has organized the P.L.A.Y. program, where students can mentor local youth; Panther Service Day which for the first time was offered during Greek Week; Hunger Action Month, raising money for the local food pantries; and partnering with local senior living facilities.

“As a department we made it our mission to be intentional in what those day-to-day programs are and the variety of programs whether it’s seniors, adults with disabilities, (or) hunger and poverty,” Crystal Brown said.

She said she wants students to understand why they are volunteering and what they get out of the opportunity.

Even with facing their own budget cuts and Eastern’s decreasing enrollment, the office has succeeded in engaging the students.



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Professor Michael Gillespie goes over instructions with volunteers at the mobile food pantry Saturday, Aug. 27 in Toledo, Ill. Gillespie said helping others who can not help themselves is very important to him and has dedicated time to volunteer, provide lectures and raise awareness about poverty/ food insecurities as much as he can.

The students that are enrolled notice the need around them even more now than ever and understand they have the ability to make a difference, Gillespie said.

“If you are looking at it from a consistency standpoint, the number of service hours per student has not changed at all, even though our enrollment numbers have

changed,” Beth Gillespie said. “So the engagement with our students I say is even more so now then it was three years ago, which I think is a testament to the quality of students that we are bringing on campus.”

However, this year the volunteerism office has worked with Michael Gillespie to educate the campus about food insecurity and pov-

erty in the Coles County area.

Organizing mobile food pantries, assisting local food pantries and helping with the Summer Meal 2017 program. All of these programs provide free food for people suffering from food insecurity, the inability to identify where your next meal is coming from.

Michael Gillespie has not only

done research on food insecurity, which he incorporated into his website, the Coles County Poverty Data Project, but has been an active advocate for raising awareness about the subject.

“I’ve worked with Eastern Illinois Food Bank for a couple of years now on a lot of different issues, done small talks with them, I’ve done keynote speeches and just informing the population that serves through them,” Michael Gillespie said.

Michael Gillespie said his passion to help those in need came from identifying his own privileges and understanding that he has the ability to help someone in need.

“We are pretty entitled. I am a well-educated, heterosexual white guy coming from a good family, and I walk out my front door without a care in the world,” Michael Gillespie said. “There are lot more people in this world who are not like me in this society. Something has to be done.”

Photo editor Justin Brown nominated the Gillespies for the award. He said he was able to sense the Gillespies’ genuine passion to give while taking photos of the office working in a food pantry in Toledo.

“He’s that person that doesn’t want anything from anybody. He just genuinely cares and I just saw that right away,” Justin Brown said. “They are just really good people.”

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By Kaitlin Cordes
Track and Field Reporter | @DEN_Sports

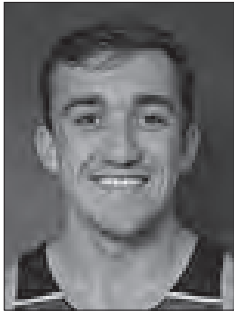
Six of the 26 athletes the track and field team sent to the Drake Relays placed as high as eighth on the first day of the three-day meet. The men's 4x1 600-meter relay team finished eighth out of 13 teams Thursday with a time of 17 minutes, 00.22 seconds. The relay squad consisted of junior Mylles Foor, freshman Robby Prescott and seniors Michael Mest and Tyler Yunk. Eastern had a neck-and-neck finish with Kansas State as the Wildcats finished just 1.29 seconds behind the Panther squad. Oklahoma State was the winning team in the event with a time of 16:18.80.



Bryn Buckwalkter

Senior Julie James finished 15th in the 800-meter run out of 24 competitors. James finished the race in 2:12.26. James competed in the first heat and placed 10th out of 11. Sophomore Michael Brown raced in the men's 800-meter competition where he placed 18th with a time of 1:56.18. Brett Myers of Fort Hays State won the event in 1:50.53. Brown compet-

ed in the second heat and finished 10th. Seniors Riley McInerney and Paxson Menard also ran in the 5,000-meter race Thursday night. McInerney finished 14th in the time of 14:13.44. Menard's time was not completed at the time of this article. The second leg of the relays will see even more Panther powerhouses as 11 athletes will compete. Friday will mark the first of the field events featuring Eastern. Senior Bryn Buckwalter will compete in the discus throw, and junior Haleigh Knapp will have a shot at the high jump. Senior Angelica Anyagou will try her hand at the long jump as well. Junior Chrisford Stevens will



Tyler Yunk

compete in the triple jump while senior Riley Kittridge and sophomore Adam Kessler will throw the shot put. Sophomore Clayton Turner will be throwing the javelin. In running events, junior Darneisha Spann will run the 100-meter hurdles, and senior Kristen Paris will run another 800-meter race. Spann and Anyagou will join senior Anita Saffa and junior Nyjah Lane for the 4x100-meter relay.

The Panthers will wrap up the competition Saturday with appearances by seniors Ruth and Rachel Garippo, Ivy Handley, Jamal Robinson, Kendall Williams, sophomore Michael Miller and juniors Lars Ott and Davion McManis. Friday's competitions will begin at 8:58 a.m. with the women's 4x100-meter relay and run until 11:55 p.m. with another round of the women's 4x100-meter relay. The first men's event to feature an Eastern athlete will be the javelin throw at 10 a.m. followed by the shot put an hour later.

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Eastern men's golf season comes to a close

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The Eastern men's golf team wrapped up the 2016-17 on Wednesday with an 11th place finish in the Ohio Valley Conference Championship. The bright spot throughout the season was sophomore Alvaro Hernandez who was the top finisher for Eastern in every meet. Hernandez posted two top five finishes including a second-place finish in the Western Illinois Beu Musatto Invite where he broke the Eastern record for a three-round

total. Hernandez lost in a sudden death playoff, but shot a 54-hole total of 207 to break the record. His lowest round of the season was a 66 and his average round score during the season was 73.19. As far as expectations for the season goes, Hernandez saw improvement from last year for the team. "I think we played a bit better than last season, but we did not play our best in the last tournament," Hernandez said. "Obviously, we were expecting to score better."

Freshman Romeo Perez was the only other Eastern golfer that posted a top 10 finish during the fall and spring seasons. Perez had an average round of 79.05 and his lowest round total was a 72. Sophomore Charlie Adare's lowest round score was a 68 and he averaged 78.95 per round. The lowest three-round total for the men's golf team this year was the first tournament of the season at the Eastern Kentucky Intercollegiate. Eastern shot a score of 904 and placed 17th out of 18 teams competing. The next best score

was the Western Illinois Beu Musatto Invite where they shot a 909 and finished 6th out of 14 teams. The strongest part of the season was in the spring before the conference tournament for Hernandez. "The tournaments before conference, I would say that we were able to put either a low round that helped the team a lot or four decent rounds," Hernandez said. The first tournament of the spring was at the Butler Florida Invitational. Eastern placed 7th in that tournament with a team score of 661. The next tournament of

the spring was the Missouri State Twin Oaks Invite. Eastern had a three-round total of 925. At the Arkansas State Red Wolf Intercollegiate, Eastern improved its three-round total by one stroke for a score of 924. In the fall, Eastern competed in the Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Derek Dolenc Invite, The Zach Johnson Invite and the F&M Bank Austin Peay Intercollegiate. Eastern will have the summer to prepare for next season.

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Unfamiliar perspective for baseball team this season

By Maher Kawash
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Change can be good or bad in sports, but for the Eastern baseball team it has been prodigious. On this day a year ago, the Panthers 6-32 overall and sat at the bottom of the Ohio Valley with just two conference wins. Now, absolutely nothing is the same. This Panthers team may have just had its eight-game winning streak snapped Wednesday evening, but that does not take away from the fact that they are in

reaching distance of a playoff spot. It could have even been extended if rain did not force the game to be called, as Eastern was in the midst of coming back from a seven-run deficit. With 13 games to go, Eastern is already one win shy of tying its total conference wins from last season and their entire win total in 2016. The mark of improvement is significant for the Panthers and it is something to build on considering the cloud of struggle that has hung over this program over the last five seasons.

With that being said, it is known that Eastern is not among the top tier of talent in the conference, but they have had no problem competing with those teams this season. Coming into the year, not many people would have marked Eastern as an OVC contender considering they were voted to finish last ahead of the season. Heading into the weekend, the Panthers are in a three-way tie for the eighth and final playoff spot. But they are right in the meat of contention in the conference as they stand just two games out of

fifth place. What is so remarkable about this stretch of improvement for Eastern is how they still sit at the bottom of the conference statiscally. It may speak more for the slow start the team had to the season than anything, but the Panthers are last in the OVC in team batting with a .256 team average. It is more of the same in team pitching as their 7.86 team ERA also ranks dead last in the conference. In conference games the Panthers have seen their numbers rise

as they bat .277 against OVC opponents and are just a few ticks off from being in the middle of the pack. The Panthers have a chance to prove all this now in the final stretch of games that begins specifically with Morehead State Friday evening. It marks beginning of a three-game trip and that is where Eastern has struggled this season, but they do return home next weekend against Tennessee-Martin.

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Sophomore Mady Poulter puts a tag on a stealing Tennessee-Martin player at Williams Field Friday, April 14th. Poulter is hitting .231 with 17 RBIs for the Panthers this season.

Softball doubleheader moved to Friday

By Sean Hastings
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Six straight games have been canceled for the Eastern softball team, and Friday has the potential to make it eight straight.

Eastern moved up its doubleheader with Murray State to Friday to avoid the weather Saturday, but more rain is in the forecast for Friday.

The Panthers were supposed to play a seven-game home stand, but three of those have already been washed out.

The weather was not much better last weekend in Tennessee or Alabama, as the Panthers' doubleheaders with Tennessee Tech and Jacksonville State were rained out.

Murray State will be in town Friday for two games and Austin Peay will play Eastern Sunday.

With the last six games rained out for the Panthers, it has been over a week since Eastern last played, not including Wednesday's rain out against IUPUI in the third inning.

It will also make it two weeks since the last time the Panthers played an OVC game. Now, still near the top of the conference and with four games with no make up date scheduled, staying in game mode has been important for Eastern.

The OVC tournament is fast approaching, but Eastern has stayed ready.

"We've spent a lot of time focusing

on live hitting and getting live at bats off our pitchers," sophomore Maria DeVito said. "We've also focused on defensive situations to make sure we are prepared for games."

The Panthers have been scrimmaging each other. And with the hitters getting live action of two of the OVC's top pitchers, juniors Jessica Wireman and Michelle Rogers, it is hard to go against anyone better.

Wireman and Rogers both have ERAs in the top 10 in the OVC; Wireman's is 2.15 and Rogers' ERA is 2.67. Both pitchers have winning records.

At the plate for the Panthers, junior Taylor Monahan is Eastern's top hitter with a .372 batting average, as well as being a threat on the bases, swiping

27 bases on 33 attempts.

Sophomore Kayla Bear leads the team with 29 steals on 31 attempts. She started the season a perfect 29-29, but has since been thrown out on back-to-back attempts.

Senior Amber Toenyes and freshman Haley Mitchell each have 27 RBIs to lead the team in that category.

Toenyes has eight home runs this season and is four shy of tying the single-season home run record of 12, set by Kylie Bennett last season.

Toenyes' most notable home run came against Belmont earlier this season when she sent a go-ahead home run over the fence in the sixth inning.

Even though the Panthers are in second place in the OVC, just as how the stats go, the Panthers have not

paid too much attention to their record.

"We try not to focus on our record or who we play, but more so going out and executing our goals each game and playing together as one," DeVito said.

If Eastern gets these games in, it will have only one more OVC weekend before the tournament.

The Panthers have played the least amount of games out of all the OVC teams. Eastern has played 12, but most have at least 15.

Friday's first game against Murray State is set to start at noon.

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Baseball team set for Morehead State

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After the Panthers' seven-game win streak was snapped against Saint Louis Wednesday, they now head to Morehead State for an Ohio Valley Conference series this weekend.

Two Panthers won OVC accolades last week. Junior Andrew Curran was named OVC play of the week last week. Curran went 9-17 with four home runs, eight RBIs, and scored 11 runs. For the week, he had a 1.529 slugging percentage and an on-base percentage of .636. For the season, Curran is batting .217 with 28 hits and is slugging .395.

Redshirt senior Brendon Allen was awarded the co-pitcher of the week along with Dalton Westfall from Tennessee-Martin. Allen had 12 strikeouts in 7 2/3 innings to get the 16-5 win against Eastern Kentucky last Saturday. Allen had a shutout going into the sixth and only allowed five hits, four of which were singles. Allen on the year is 1-6 with an ERA of 8.38. He has made 13 appearances but has started in eight of those games. In 38 2/3 innings, he has given up 54 hits and 38 runs and has struck out 45 batters. Allen is set to start

game one of the series against the Eagles.

The Panthers (14-28, 7-11) have not fared well away from home so far this season. The Panthers are 4-23 away from Coaches Stadium but when they are at home, they have a 9-4 record.

For game two, senior Michael McCormick will get his ninth start on the season. He is 1-4 on the year with an ERA of 6.34. McCormick has 37 strikeouts in 49 and two-thirds innings.

The Panthers might have a chance against Morehead State as the Panthers lead the all-time series 51-11. Last season, the Eagles lost two of three. But, the offense of the Eagles (27-14, 12-5) leads the nation as a team in batting average with .336, slugging percentage with .528, and hits with 513.

Morehead has lost their last two games but are still in second in the OVC. Reid Leonard has a seven-game hit streak going into the series. Also for the Eagles, Braxton Morris has reached base safely in 18 straight games. Niko Hulsizer has 19 home runs on the season and that leads the nation. He also leads the nation in career slugging percentage with .727.

On the pitching side of things, Cable Wright is just one appear-



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Senior pitcher Michael McCormick delivers a pitch Friday, March 24 at Coaches Stadium. McCormick (1-4, 6.34 ERA, 31 BB, 37 K) will start game two of the weekend series at Morehead State.

ance shy of tying an OVC record. He sits at 106 appearances and just needs two to break the record that hasn't been broken since 1991.

The game one starter will be Aaron Leasher. Leasher is 6-2 in 10 games with an ERA of 3.55 and has

68 strikeouts on the season. Morehead sends Dalton Stambaugh to the mound for game two. He is 3-1 in 10 games with 32 strikeouts and an ERA of 5.70. Game three, the Panthers will see lefty Curtis Wilson. Wilson is 4-3 in nine games

and has an ERA of 4.78.

The series begins Friday in Morehead, Kentucky at Allen Field at 4 p.m.

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